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FEAR BURSTING WATER MAINS HAVE DAMAGED PAVED STREETS

Excessive Amount of Frost May Cause Extensive Repairs to be Made

LINE BREAKS NUMEROUS

Fear is expressed by a number of Charleroi citizens that our borough authorities will discover after the ice and snow have been removed by moderating weather, that our paved streets in a number of places have been badly damaged and will be in need of extensive repair, because of frequent bursting of water and gas service mains.

Not only have two water mains bursted because of the excessive cold weather, but many service lines both of water and gas have been frozen up, which compelled property owners to dig up the streets in numerous places in order to make repairs.

This condition of affairs has resulted, many believe, in the loosening of the paving, while in one or two cases, the street has apparently been raised a few inches by the tremendous pressure from the water which escapes from bursting water mains. The ground is frozen to a depth far beyond that of any previous year and this has been the cause of additional damage when breaks in lines have occurred. Heretofore, when a break occurred in a water line it was not difficult for the water to find an exit, but with the gound frozen so solidly, it has been necessary that an immense pressure be exerted before an exit was found. Moreover, the frost having extended to such a depth, its thawing outwill add additional damage which may cost the borough a considerable sum during the year to repair.

MAY HAVE BEEN ON TORPEDOED BOAT

It is believed that men from Camp Sherman who had been transferred to other units were on board the ill-fated Tuscania, which was torpedoed off the Irish coast on Wednesday. The Twentieth Engineers trained at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., and it is known that some western Pennsylvania boys had been attached to this command. There were men also in the One Hundredth, the One Hundred and Fifty Eight and the Two Hundred and Thirteenth Aero Squadrons. It will require an official list from the war department before it is known whether there were any Western Pennsylvania men among the soldiers abroad the transport.

Walter A. Carney, son of P. J. Carney, of Belle Vernon, left Wednesday for Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga. He enlisted in the Aviation Mechanical Corps last week.

CRIMINAL COURT WILL CONVENE NEXT MONDAY

The February term of the Washington county criminal court will be convened Monday afternoon next at 1o'clock. District Attorney Isaac W. Baum has prepared the trial list, and cases are listed to run through almost three weeks. The latter part of the term will be taken up in the trial of homicide cases, seven of which are listed for this term.

ONE GOOD EYE WILL QUALIFY

Local Draft Boards Advised to Take More Chances in Sending Men

CAN REMEDY MINOR DEFECTS

New regulations will likely prevail in the medical examination of draftees sent to the various cantonments in the next call, according to Major H. W. Day, a medical inspector of Camp Lee, Virginia.

Many of the minor defects which have heretofore exempted men from military service can be remedied it is said, and it indeed will be a human physical wreck almost that will not be available for service in the future.

According to Major Day "flat feet" are in nine cases out of ten nothing more than "cold feet" and unless a man's arches are flacid or broken registration boards are directed to send the man tocamp. Varicose veins only in exceptional cases, do not exempt a man, neither do what are known as "hammer toes," bunions, heart sound or heart murmurs. These defects can be remedied at camp. A good right eye, even if the left is sightless, but not disfigured, qualifies a man for service, and web fingers and toes or even a hand with a finger missing does not disqualify. Men who are physically fit to take long hikes, dig trenches, handle their guns and chew their food are the sort of men wanted in the army. All the warring nations are using men of this sort, and the United States will have to do likewise. Local boards are advised to take some chances in sending men who may be disqualified and this is likely to be done. It will be up to the medical officers in the cantonment to pass final approval of the drafted men.

WANTED—Two machinists, two millwrights and two pipe fitters. Good reliable and industrious men only need apply. Steady work and good pay to proper parties. Apply at the Mill Entrance, Pittsburg Steel Products Company, Monessen. 199-t3*

Warm Weather May Finally Open River to Navigation

The water on the lower gauge at Lock No. 4 at 8 o'clock this morning showed a stage of 17 feet, a rise of over 5 feet since Thursday morning at the same hour. Ten Mile creek is reported as coming out, the ice being broken by the warm weather of the past few days, while the stream is also quite high from the melting snow. All the ice from this immediate vicinity disappeared during the night, and it is likely that boats will be at work some time today for the purpose of clearing the river as soon as possible. If the river continues to rise, and it is very likely to, there is expectation that all of the ice in the fourth pool will move out, as well as that from the lower pools. There is now a sufficient stage of water to carry the ice over the dams, and no doubt steamboats will take advantage of this fact to clear the river as fast as possible.

All of the boats which have been tied up along the river waiting for a thaw will be placed in commission at once, and no doubt all of the locks of the lower pools will be very busy from this time on. The gorge in the fifth pool holds, but the rising river will assist very materially in carrying away this big accumulation, which even yet threatens to do a great deal of damage. Softening weather however has done much to reduce the danger. The real peril from this gorge is the fear that it will move in such amass as to make it impossible to hold against it in the upper pool. Once over No. 5 dam it will be practically harmless.

RED CROSS BENEFIT A GREAT SUCCESS

The dance held by the Alpha Phi Beta Fraternity at Might's auditorium, Thursday evening, was attended by one hundred couple from Charleroi and nearby towns. The auditorium was beautifully decorated with the Red Cross emblem, the proceeds of the affair being donated to this worthy institution. During the intermission a delightful program was rendered consisting of an address by H. J. Booth, vocal solos by Miss Ethel Barth, soprano of Charleroi and Walter Vaughan, tenor of Fayette City, and readings by Miss Rachel Carroll of Monongahela and Mrs. A. W. Blackburn of North Charleroi. Guy Moffitt, Esq., on behalf of the Alpha Phi Beta members thanked those who had taken part in the program, those who had attended and Mr Booth, who had so generously commended the members of the organization for their efforts in giving material assistance to the efforts of the Red Cross. The occasion was one of the most delightful social events held in Charleroi during the winter and was thoroughly enjoyed by those who participated therein.

AUXILIARY HAD A GOOD ATTENDANCE

St. Jerome's Auxiliary to the Charleroi Chapter of the American Red Cross met in the Elks club Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, with a large number of ladies present. Next Thursday evening the meeting will be held in the parlors of the Hotel Wellington, at 8 o'clock and it is sincerely hoped that all ladies of St. Jerome's congregation who can knit and those who are willing to learn will be in attendance. Instructors will be present at each meeting and yarn will be furnished.

The Francis Willard Class of the Methodist Episcopal church met at the home of Miss Alice Mallabone Tuesday. Miss Elizabeth Frew assisted Miss Mallabone in entertaining.

MEN CALLED TO BE EXAMINED

The following additional registrants have been summoned from Charleroi for physical examination before the draft and registration board at Donora on the 11th of February. They will appear at the hours designated as follows:

Report at 1 p. m.

No. 149—Raymond N. Keifer, 901 McKean avenue.

No. 307—Grover C. Castor, 619 Fallowfield avenue.

No. 2887—Dan Gramati, 1205 Crest avenue.

No. 2765—Patrick J. McGuire, 113 Luella avenue.

No. 2891—John W. Silbaugh, 834 Oakland avenue.

No. 2900—Angelo Cantani, 906 Shady avenue.

No. 2920—Mazie Pearson, 222 McKean avenue.

To report at 2p. m.

No. 2932—Joseph Cancilia, 405 Fallowfield avenue.

No. 2959—Angelo Biagini, 606 Eighth street.

No. 3017—Wm. H. Bromwich, 714 Washington avenue.

No. 3032—C. Gare Ferroni, 814 Meadow avenue.

To Report at 3 p. m.

No. 2029—William Geho, Railroad street, North Charleroi.

No. 3056—Mike Stefura, 1016 McKean avenue.

No. 3085—Wladslaw Laugoch, 1206 Crest avenue.

ICE DOES DAMAGE ON TEN MILE CREEK

A heavy gorge of ice in Ten Mile creek, near Clarksville, on Thursday swept with it the old wooden bridge and also the railroad trestle near the south end of that town, towards Jefferson. The ice gorge had formed at the trestle and was packed up many feet, and backed up the water until it took with the wooden bridge. It was the worst gorge ever seen on Ten Mile and in going out did a great deal of damage.

Miss Marie Lanz of Pittsburg is the guest of Miss Ethel Barth of Washington avenue.

TONS OF FISH ARE SOLD IN MANY SURROUNDING TOWNS

Prices Are Very Reasonable and People Buy Liberally

SHIPPED IN BY CAR LOTS

A feature in food conservation and supply, in which Charleroi and other towns in this section of the valley have not shared, as far as we are ableto learn, is in the matter of fish shipments in large amounts.

The food administration of the government has frequently called the attention of the people of the country to the food value of fish, and have recommended that they be used in larger quantities. The high price of beef has to a certain extent helped along this campaign, while meatless days have been another factor which has tended to increase their consumption.

Recently we have noticed that in towns such as Washington, Uniontown and Canonsburg thousands of pounds of Cisco fish have been disposed of to the people, having been shipped in by the car lot, and sold at a very reasonable price. The price has been fixed by the government at 15 cents a pound or two pounds for a quarter. In Uniontown hundreds of citizens have made purchases of these fish, and as far as can be ascertained not a complaint has been registered against the quality. This would indicate that the fish are of an exceptional high grade and have evidently become quite popular as an article of diet.

If fish in such quantities can be sold in other towns and at such reasonable figures, why could not the same system be tried in Charleroi? We have no doubt that thousands of pounds of these fish could be disposed of here, for they come in under government supervision, which is in itself a guarantee of their quality as a foodstuff.

STEAMERS ARE BREAKING ICE ABOVE THE LOCK

The steamers Braddock and Juniata, of the American Steel and Wire line were breaking ice above the lock before noon today and were making good headway. The newly-made ice is about four inches thick and is offering but little resistance to the boats. The river is still rising and as it increases in height is expected to carry away all the ice from the fourth pool at least.

ADELPHIA CLASS MEETS WITH MRS. MIGHT

Thursday evening the Adelphia Class of the First Presbyterian church was entertained at the home of Mrs. George S. Might on Lincoln avenue. A business session was held after which a social hour was enjoyed.

WIDOW OF CONGRESSMAN ACHESON DIES SUDDENLY

Mrs. Jennie Stewart Acheson, widow of former Congressman Ernest F. Acheson, died suddenly at the family residence in Washington Thursday morning at 7 o'clock. Mrs. Acheson had not been in good health for the past two years, but on Wednesday had appeared to be somewhat improved. Apparently she suffered a stroke while asleep and passed away without regaining consciousness.

BEWARE OF IMPOSTERS

Bogus Food Inspectors Said to Be in This Part of State

WARNING AGAINST THEM

It is reported that crooks masquerading as government food inspectors have been operating in some towns in Western Pennsylvania. They go to a house and state that they are government officers and have come to inspect the food supply of the household visited, claiming that Uncle Sam has ordered stock taking of the available food supply of the country.

None of these men have been reported in Washington county, so far as known, but if any come, housewives are cautioned against granting them admission to their homes. No inspection of private food supplies has been ordered, or is contemplated. When it is, if it ever is, official notice will be given by the Federal Food Administrator. Should any one ask to inspect the food supply of any home in this locality the housewife should at once call the police.

ROY SHARPNACK MADE SERGEANT

Roy Sharpnack, who went from Charleroi with the last contingent of men for Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, where he was assigned to Company D. (Headquarters Company) 303th Ammunition Train, has been promoted to be a Sergeant. Sergeant Sharpnack is well pleased with the assignment to the ammunition train, while his promotion to be a Sergeant will give him a wider field of activity in army life.

Mrs. Mary Hans, of Meadow avenue, has returned home after a visit of several weeks with Mrs. Julia Gulmet of Youngstown, Ohio.

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COMPARATIVE WAR BURDEN

German propagandists in America have tried strenuously and with some measure of success to imbue the public with the idea that we are simply finishing the other fellow's fight. That America should have kept out of this quarrel. And that we will pay out of all proportion for our participation in the war.

None of these claims are true.

The State Department at Washington has shown conclusively that, even when she was protesting the warmest friendship for the United States, Germany was plotting secretly to embroil us with Mexico to interrupt our friendly relations with Japan, to estrange us from Latin-America, and generally to make it so unpleasant for us at home that we would not dare to resent any outrage she might attempt upon our national rights and honor.

And the President has explained, very plainly, directly and convincingly, why he finally put aside all his immediate hopes of peace and went into the conflict.

The people of the allied European nations this year will contribute $15,000,000,000 to the support of the war. The American public is asked to provide $20,000,000,000. On the face of it this appears to bear out the German claim.

But this represents for America not only the expense of supporting an army of 2,000,000 in the field, but the initial expense of raising and equipping that army.

Moreover, in America 101,000,000 people have an annual income of $40,000,000,000. The annual income of the 405,000,000 people of the allied European nations is only $30,000,000,000.

Where the per capita income—the undivided income for every man, woman and child in the United States—is $387; that in England, Russia, France and Italy combined averages less than $75.

The individual financial burden in Europe is about four times what it will be in America. The hardships is immeasurably greater.

NEED OF SECRESY

The War Department has placed a young officer under arrest because he confided to a relative the name of the vessel and the hour it was to sail from an Atlantic port for France. The government authorities secured their information because of a telegram sent the officer in question bidding him good bye and a successful voyage. The young man is to be held pending an investigation as to whether his superiors had sufficiently instructed him on the requirements of secresy.

The government does well to keep secret the name and the hour of departure of vessels engaged in the transport service of the country. To make public their sailings would give the Huns too much of an advantage in arranging their U-boat campaign with a view of torpedoing the transports. We cannot afford to lose any men in this manner. Just now we are mourning the loss of those who went down with the Tuscania and we do not want a repetition. Once is enough.

We have been congratulating ourselves with the splendid immunity we have been enjoying from U-boat attack, but it was bound to come. Some one evidently was not on the job, else the Tuscania would not have been sunk. The destruction not only removes a valuable transport, but it has taken many valuable lives. Moreover the destruction of the vessel brings the war closer home—brings a realization that our boys, when once on the sea are going directly into the danger zone, in which they are constantly in danger. The time is evidently coming when we will have to give up our sentimentality and demand that German propagandists in this country be given what is coming to them.

WE'LL HAVE NONE OF IT.

Few Americans of the right sort will approve of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's proposition that the English-speaking world take a leaf out of Germany's book and work the "use or hatred" for all it is worth. We do not wish, like the Germans, to be "united in hate"—to employ the mock-religious Kaiser's phrase. What we wish to be united in is patriotic endeavor based on unswerving loyalty to our country and all it stands for. That cultivated German "union in hate" has led the Kaiser's minions under explicit orders to commit atrocities that will shriek the German name for a thousand years. And, for our part, we will have none of it. Moreover, it is necessary, as the Bishop of Winchester pointedly recalls Conan Doyle, to draw a distinction between hatred of sin and hatred of the sinner, for upon this rests the very foundation of Christianity. If Christianity's Divine Author had not drawn this distinction, what chance would there be for any of us?

The ideal soldier is brave and terrible in battle. He fights to kill as long as the battle is on. But after it is over his fiery zeal softens into mercy and compassion. He does not slaughter helpless prisoners or leave the enemy wounded to die. He gladly makes room for and even assist the regularly appointed agencies of succor. His hate breathes out only against the battling enemy who seeks his life and the helpless individual enemy finds him a compassionate human being. Conan Doyle evidently has President Wilson in mind when he sneers at "those pawky individuals who suggest that 'we have no quarrel with the German people,'" utterly failing to understand that this means German people as they go peacefully about their rightful business and are no longer wrongfully in arms against the world. Conan Doyle is vastly in error in describing the distinction between hater of sin and hatred of the sinner as "mere thin metaphysics." The redemption of humanity itself was made possible only by the promise in the Divine utterance "Go and sin no more."

LOOK OUT FOR THE NEXT BLOW

British observers support Secretary Baker's view that Germany is shortly to launch the most desperate attack both by sea and land. Germany realizes that a staggering blow or series of staggering blows must be struck, or there will be no hope for the conqueror's peace which she aims to force upon her enemies. It is a case of now or never. Her game must be played in the early spring campaign, before the United States has had time to put forth really great strength. Therefore U-boat raids upon American troop ships—possibly U-boat raids upon our shipping on this side of the Atlantic—must be looked for, as well as terrific attacks upon the allied lines where least expected.

Germany has staged the scene for this great effort in her usual manner. She has again pretended eagerness for peace. She has again permitted it to leak out—as if against orders—that she is seriously embarassed by internal troubles at home, her object in this cunning political offensive, this crafty camouflage, being as heretofore, to create overconfidence and cause relaxed vigilance among her enemies. After similar dust-flinging preparation she has hitherto struck hard and unexpectedly in a new place. The imperative necessity of being ready for the next blow is obvious. Only this is certain: German militarism intends to fight to the last gasp.

An old Confederate, who can remember coffee at $3 a cup, quinine at $100 an ounce, meal at $140 a bushel and flour at $1500 a barrel (in Confederate currency) in Richmond fifty-three years ago, might pointedly suggest that we cheer up in view of the probability that the worst is yet to come.

According to the British food controller, German submarines sent three million pounds of bacon and four million pounds of cheese to the bottom in a single week. At such a rate of destruction for many months no wonder the world's stock of food has been reduced.

Politicians who are plainly more interested in the advancement of their own fortunes than in winning the war, and who are now visibly on the defense as to their motives, would do well to make a note of the fact that the people of the United States are not fools.

Those who made haste to smash the machinery of eighteen interned German and Austrian merchant steamers, as soon as Bernstorff was dismissed from this country, little dreamed that the same great steamers would transport American fighters to the battle front within ten months.

The President and the Congress

(Colonel Henry Watterson in the Louisville Courier-Journal.)

I find myself now and then taken to task for the atrocious crime of declining to concede the infallibility of the President of the United States. Highly as I respect the office, frankly as I admit and admire many aptitudes of its present occupant, I must reserve to myself and maintain if I can on proper occasions, my own judgments. Not wholly a tyro in affairs and in any event a writer for the press who would render honest and effective, certainly disinterested service, I too, albeit in less degree than he, have public duties, which, not less than he, I am in honor bound to observe.

There is an irreconcilable, though against the highhand of power not always an irrepressible, conflict between officialdom and newspaperdom. The newspaper end of this conflict should never be allowed to sag. It should be held high and taut. It should be constantly asserted and resolutely defended. It need not be indeed it ought not to be acrimonious though its function is critical, its animadversion should be just. If it be touched by self-interest, or private grief, or personal pique of any sort, it falls into the category of the tainted, unworthy and valueless. It is up to the journalist likewise to make sure that it be not the offspring of misadvisement or a lack of information.

Here journalism often hits a snag. Even as cock-sureness has been an offending tendency of newspaper criticism is the tendency of Jack-in-Office, and sometimes his better to withhold information the press and the people have a right to have. A lofty and generally a bogus claim to immunity from criticism is thereby set up in the name of the public welfare.

We have had latterly a deal of this In time of war concealments become a part of the official program frequently for no better reason than that pretexts for concealment are so congenial to the official temperament, so ready at hand and so easy. Thus censorship and hence a star chamber of suppression misnamed a bureau of publicity.

In spite of this, there are in point of fact rarely any secrets. The national capital has been time out of mind a whispering gallery. There are "leaks" in the executive sesions of the Senate in meetings of the Cabinet and in each and every one of the departments. What the "boys" down the newspaper line do not know were scarcely worth the further attention of Sherlock Holmes.

The Courier-Journal has been saying that they seem to be doing all they can at Washington to make the war unpopular and the administration odious. The recent Garfield order was a striking example of very many examples. If it were the only way the fault lay with the lack of foresight and provision. In any event it betrayed a shocking lack of common sense.

But every fad is justified by "the war." We are not yet fairly unlimbered for fighting, yet we must be put in a state of siege af if the wolf were at our very door. Touching this hysteria, for no less it is, which, emanating from official sources has communicated itself to the people, I find the following in a recent isue of the New York Times:

"The order of the fuel administrator is but one instance. itis a confession of failure. There has been failure in other high posts, notably in the supplying of munitions, clothing and equipment of the troops here and abroad. Of the speech of men in this country today these things are the chief theme. They are the cause of public apprehension. There is fear that we may fail to meet the just expectation of our allies. that the aid we have promised will be deferred, will fall far below what they have a right to ask, what this powerful nation should give. And, now, before we have become an active participant in the war, we are called upon to put up with privitations comparable to those borne by peoples who were called to arms three and one-half years ago. The American people know where the fault lies. They expect the Presidnt to find the remedy."

The "fault" lies largely with the President, who at least makes no effort to shirk his responsibility,but the "remedy," which lies also within himself, is, I fear, too deeply imbedded in his character and habit for him to find it.

He seems one of those who "want to do it all." That is why he has surrounded himself with a coterie of errand boys instead of a Cabinet of political advisers. It may be that he yet retains something of the schoolmaster who would reduce the United States to the dimension of the schoolroom.

He says he knew of the Garfield order before it was sent out and approved it. He tells us it was "necessary," and would have us let it go at that without stopping to consider its psychologic bearing and effect on the public intelligence—or its encouragement of the enemy—even the meaning of the assumption that the official ipse dixit must be final in domestic matters of transcendent moment easily within the knowledge the comprehension and competency of public men and persons of business experience.

If "necessity" as defined by official edict, the one man power becomes absolute. We are constantly saying that war is an autocracy. And so it is. But the daily lives and affairs of the people are not . We are every day talking about the "sacrifices" we are making and must continue to make.

But even these are relative. We are not living in a walled town—in a beleguered fortress—to be put on rations. This is a great and fruitful land. We are sending our billions of money and millions of men across the ocean to the front. In no event can we get there more than our surplus production, which we have reason to believe will suffice.

Food conservation is admirable. It will induce thrift. It will cure waste. But as its official promulgation becomes tyrannous it will make for panic and what is most wanted is that the people should keep their heads and ply their hands in the development of normal industries and the multiplication of needful supplies equally for home and foreign consumption.

A state of war is neither reason nor excuse for a state of servility. It is the President who is a servant not the people. It is true that he is commander-in-chief of the army and the navy. But his power is limited by law. He can do nothing without the Congress. And when he sets himself beyond criticism—when he says there must be no Congressional supervision of him and his departments—when he puts foot upon the committees of investigation—he forgets the limitations of his constitutional perogative and risks the confidence and support at least of the more intelligent of his countrymen. Truth to say, he should come out of his isolation, cultivate closer relations with the leaders of Congress and make more common cause with the people. Likewise dismiss Garfield and several others.

REPUBLICANS TO HOLD BANQUET

Republican leaders of the Twenty-fourth Congressional district, composed of Washington, Beaver and Lawrence counties, are arranging for a banquet to be given at the Americus Club, Pittsburg, on the night of February 20th. Congressman Henry W. Temple, who now represents the district, has accepted an invitation as one of the speakers. Effort is being made to have former Senator Elihu Root of New York, deliver an address. Large delegations of Washington, Lawrence and Beaver county Republicans are expected to attend the dinner.

The following committees in each county of the district have been named to procure the attendance of Republicans: Washington, J. H. Donnan, R. C. Mountser, J. P. Eagleson, A. V. Lewis, Clyde T. Lewis, George P. Baker and Norman E. Clark. Lawrence, Judge W. D. Wallace, Charles E. Mehard, Judge S. P. Emery, O. J. Hartsuff, Thomas W. Dickey and J. N. Dersam. Beaver. J. Sharp Wilson. Homer B. Swaney, J. Rankin Maryin. J. N. Marcus, David C. Locke, P. J. Magee and John T. Taylor.

Unnecessary Intestines.

The human intestine seems to be partly a relic of prehistoric times, largely useless in this modern day and age. The uselessness of the vermiform appendix, which is simply the stump of what was once an important and functioning branch of the alimentary canal, is well known. Recent operations in a London hospital seem to indicate that a large part of the lower main canal, the colon, can be dispensed with without harm. In these operations sections of the colon have been removed. The work brings up again the famous scientist Metchnikoff's debated contention that these parts of the anatomy are not only useless but dangerous.

OVER 80 YEARS BUT IS RUGGED

Mrs. Robbins Looks and Talks Like Woman 20 Years Younger

Mrs. Isaac Robbins of River St., Carbondale, Pa., woman over 80 years old, said recently:

"I suffered dreadfully with rheumatism. Last winter I had a very severe case of grip which simply aggravated my rheumatism. My hands and arms were swollen terribly and they were, oh! so sore. I never thought I would be any better.

"I read about the good that Tanlac had been doing for others and I got a bottle.

"Tanlac has relieved every bit of pain and I do not have a bit of rheumatism now. My appetite is good and since the pain stopped I sleep like a child. The swelling has gone too. My arms are now like they should be and I feel as young as ever I did.

"I recommend Tanlac because it did me somuch good that, perhaps, it will help others like it did me. I am willing to talk with any poor sufferer that cares to know more about it before trying it. I think it wonderful."

The famous Tanlac is now sold here by Pipers Pharmacy.

Don't wait until your blood is impoverished and you are sick and ailing; take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea now; it will drive out the germs of Winter, purify the stomach, regulate the bowels—nature's spring tonic-cleanser. Hennings Drug Store.

Tales Out of School.

Willie Stimson—"My, but I thought you were a great deal bigger than you are." Featherstone—"What gave you such an idea, Willie?" "Why, sister said that all you did was to take up room."—Life.

BEST Creamery Butter 53c lb.	BEST Pure Lard 30c lb.

15c loaf fresh baked bread	2 for 25c
Best cane granulated sugar, lb	10c
Large can Hebe Milk	12c
12c glass chipped beef	10c
Hand picked navy beans	18c
Best California lima beans	18c
Best California Roman beans	17c
15c bot Pickled Onions	10c
16c pkg Dried Apples	12c
5c cake Swift's Pride soap, 6 for	29c
30c can Rumford Baking Powder	25c
18c Good Drinking Coffee	15c
25c Santos coffee, lb. 20c or 3 lbs for	57c
15c bottle Chili sauce	10c
15c bot Vinegar	10c
Kellog Corn Flakes	10c
30c Heinz Ketchup	25c
Sun Maid Seedless raisins	15c
10c pkg Pepper	8c
18c can Alice Baked beans	15c
Heinz Apple Jelly, glass	14c
Armour's best hams, lb	30c
Five Brothers tobacco, pkg	9c
Cutty Pipe Tobacco, pkg	9c
Weyman's Tobacco, pkg	9c
Tuxedo, can	10c
50c bottle O'Cedar polish	45c
35c can Crubro Apple Butter	30c
18c can Pumpkin	14c
Pimentos, can	14c
Bouilon cubes, doz	25c
Lux, pkg	12c
18c pkg. Borax	15c
Octagon, Fels Naptha and P. & G. Soap, each	6c
Lava soap, a cake	5c
18c can Mince Meat	15c
30c can Tuna Fish	25c
18c bottle catsup	15c
Honey, glass	15c
20c glass peanut butter	18c
35c bot Salad Oil	30c
18c can Salmon	15c

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"For two years I suffered agonizing pains in my stomach, belching up sour and bitter fluids and gas. Tongue always coated. Doctors were unable to help me. The first dose of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy made me feel 100 per cent better and I am now feeling better than at any time in my life. I deem it my duty to advise other sufferers." It is a simple, harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded.

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Auditor's Notice

Estate of Michael Huber, deceased No 77 November Term, 1917, A. A. O. C.

Having been appointed auditor to determine the rights of unsatisfied claimants against said estate, and to distribute the balance remaining in the hands of accountants among those entitled thereto, I will attend to the duties of my appointment at the office of Guy Moffitt, Esq., Might Building, Charleroi, Pennsylvania, on Saturday the 9th day of February, 1918 at ten o'clock a. m. at which time and place all persons interested may appear.

D. M. Anderson.
Auditor.
J-18-25-8

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Franklin B. Parker, late of the borough of Charleroi, Washington County, Pennsylvania, deceased.

Letters of administration in the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted thereto are requested to make prompt payment and those having claims to present the same without delay to

Charleroi Savings & Trust Co. Adm.,
Charleroi, Pa.
David M. McCloskey, Atty.
Charleroi, Pa.
J-25-F-1-8-15-22-M-1

Look! Listen! For Sale.

A great bargain, 10 roomed brick house with all conveniences in the best location on Washington avenue at the right price to a quick buyer. I. P. Hepler, 411 Fallowfield avenue, Charleroi, Pa. 185-tf

Mrs. Kate Hall says: "I have kept house 15 years, am the mother of four children and I would not keep house without Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea." Wise Woman, why? Drives away sickness, brings health and hapiness to the whole family. Henning's Drug Store.

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Absolutely Removes Indigestion. Druggists refund money if it fails. 25c

CHARLEROI BOYS DOWN IN ARKANSAS

The Mail is in receipt of the following letter from Camp Pike away down in Arkansas, where some of the Charleroi boys are learning to be soldiers. It reads as follows:

"Just few lines to let the folks back home know that we are still living and doing fine. I get the Mail every day and it is just as welcome as pay day to me and the rest of the fellows from Charleroi.

"We have been in quarantine since Nov. 28, 1917, and it makes it pretty tough at times, but we manage to get by. Several Charleroi boys have received promotions since we have been here. John Feehan was made a Sergeant, Russell Crabb and myself Corporals.

"We all like this life of the army, for we are where we will be able to do some damage when we get "over there." There are only a few fellows from Charleroi in this Company. There is John Newton, better known as "Pop." He is sure some mule tamer. When we first got our mules "Pop" thought he would take a ride. He did for about two hours, and the result was that he stood up while taking his meals for a couple of days.

"Pat Gilmore is another Charleroi boy; he is considered the best boxer we have. We have boxing every night just before retreat. One of our fellows met a man from Company C recently and it was "some go." These contests get very interesting some times.

"It is quite warm here at the present time but it was quite cold for a week or so.

"We are examined every day for the measles and mumps. All of us have to strip to the waist, and the exam is thorough. However we hope to be out of quarantine in about a week and we are eagerly waiting for the day.

"We have about eight different states represented in our Company and we all get along fine, but us Pennsylvania's boys seem to stand out with them all in every respect.

"John Feehan is from Lock Four, but we regard him from Charleroi. He has one favorite song, "The Sailor of the sea," and John is some singer.

"This life seems to be agreeing with us, for we are all getting fat and you never find us on the sick list. We had a football team this last fall, and all of the Charleroi boys here were on it. We made them all open their eyes when we got some of that good old Pennsylvania football stuff going.

"Sargeant John Feehan has been appointed a boxing instructor for the camp and he fills the bill.

"We all join in sending best wishes to all of our friends back home, which we never forget.

Corporal Carl McGuire.
Better known in Charleroi as "Mook"

NORMAL LIBRARY ROOM IMPROVED

The library of the South-western State Normal school at California has been greatly improved recently by the Trustees, this being made possible by a generous appropriations of state funds. The interior of the room has been entirely changed, the old tin ceiling having been removed and replaced with plaster, while large wooden beams are a very conspicuous feature. The old iron posts have been replaced by supports larger in dimensions and more ornamental in design, being finished at the bottom with hard wood seats. New windows and a noiseless cork carpet add much to the comfort as well as beauty of the room. A new indirect lighting system was also installed, and the softened rays of the electric light serve to bring out the beauty of the cream colored ceiling, the flesh colored walls and white enameled wood work.

Arthur Pollock superintendent of buildings and grounds, planned the improvements and is certainly to be congratulated on the success he has made which attended his work.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gunderman, daughters Robina, Elma and Margaret, Billie Atkins of Charleroi and Mrs. Willis McCook, Jr., of North Charleroi were in Belle Vernon Thursday evening to attend a Red Cross Benefit entertainment. George Gunderman of Charleroi sang several selections.

LICENSE HOLDERS OBEYED THE LAW

Judges McIlvaine and Brownson, in handing down their decision on Wednesday granting license to the local hotels, said: "Granted—Frank J. Zwick, hotel; Arthur W. Day, hotel; William R. Gaut, hotel; George M. Fellows, hotel; Mary A. Rylands, hotel; George L. West, hotel; William R. Zellers, hotel.

"All the foregoing hotels, as well the parties named, held licenses ing the last year. No remonstrances were filed against any one of them and no one from Charleroi appeared objected to the renewal of their and each of the applicants under oath declared that he had not violated the provisions of the Act of Assembly regulating the sale of liquors by retail, that he had not sold on prohibited days nor to United States soldiers, and that he had closed his saloon on fuel days as designated by the United States fuel administration. The application of each one of them, as well as the bond tendered, were executed in due form and this being the case the court has ordered a renewal of the licenses of each particular applicant."

In making further grants of license the Judges said they were granted under the same circumstances as those of Charleroi borough.

STUBBS RUBBER BASE ARRESTED

Raymond P. McDonald, secretary and treasurer of the Stubbs Rubber company, which had its plant in Washington, Pa., has been arrested on a charge of conspiracy to cheat and defraud on information made by one of the stockholders of the Skid Brake company, one of the numerous corporations promoted by one Frank P. Hamlin.

The Stubbs Rubber Company which was extensively advertised in this section, was put in the hands of receivers and these proceedings were subsequently dismissed owing to lack of jurisdiction in the courts of Pennsylvania. A similar action is now pending in the chancellory court at Wilmington, Del. Mr. McDonald is one of the defendants in this action.

Mr. McDonald, it is alleged, has been associated with Hamlin in many of his corporate promotion schemes, undertakings of which the Skid Brake company, now said to be defunct, is one. It is reported that other arrests are about to be made.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to especially thank Rev. John F. Burson and the members of the choir of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church for their kindness at the funeral of our beloved daughter Violet.

Mr. and Mrs. Minion Fram. 200-t1

Mrs. I. E. Rowland of McKean avenue visited at Pittsburg Friday.

Paul A. Kimmins was a business caller in Brownsville Friday.

Classified

FOR SALE—Small fruit and chicken farm one mile from Monongahela on Washington Pike, containing 5 1-4 acres, 6 room house, spring well and cistern, barn and large chicken house 72 feet long. Fruit of all kinds, red and black raspberries, black berries, currents and goose berries, apples, peaches, pears, plums, cherries and grapes. Bell telephone 15-W Monongahela. 182-tf

FOR SALE—A bed davenport and two leather chairs. Inquire 102 Mail office. 196-tfp.

FOR SALE—Horse, wagon, harness and all kinds of furniture. Cheap. 419 Fallowfield avenue. 197-t6-p

FOR RENT—Large front furnished room suitable for one or two gentlemen. Inquire 514 Third street. 198-t4-p

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Apply at 110 Lincoln avenue, or local phone 85-G 1 99-tf

WANTED— Position in dry goods or grocery store by experienced girl. Aged 16, speaks Belgium, French and English. A. V. 904 Shady Ave. 199-t2p.

FOUND—Locket on Fifth street. Owner may have same by calling at this office and paying for advertisement. 200-t2

DRAFT BOARD IS PUSHING ITS WORK

On Tuesday last the draft board of [illegible] men. Of these, 48 passed and [illegible] men. Of these, 48 passed while four failed and one was sent to the district board. Fifteen of the men summoned failed to appear and their names have been given to the police, who will endeavor to round them up. If apprehended they will be taken to camp as slackers. The location of many of these men is known and they are expected to be apprehended within a few days.

The board has finished the classifying of the questionnaires with the exception of about fifty. These fifty did not fill out their papers properly and were notified to report to the draft board. They will be given another chance to have their papers filled out correctly and then the board can go ahead and complete its classification.

The draft board will not send any additional men to Camp Sherman before some time next week, and it even may be later. These men will fill out the quota of the first draft from this district, quite a number of men previously sent having been discharged from the service for various causes.

I will offer at Public sale on February 15th at my farm, known as the S. T. Rider farm all my personal property consisting of a team of draft horses, wagon, harness farm implements and household goods. M. C. Phone.

Lee M. Lutes.
200-t6p

Quality Meats and Groceries

A few of our Special Prices on our grocery counter for Saturday

Eagle Brand Milk, can	20c
Large can Silver Cow Milk	14c
Small " " "	7c
Bakers Corn, can	15c
Good Will Corn, can	15c
M. L. W. Corn, can	12½c
Large can Tomatoes	20c
No. 2 "	15c
Large Hawaiian Pineapples	25c
No. 2 can Hunts Pineapple	20c
Large Table Peaches, can	25c
Large Table Pears, can	25c
25c can Berries	19c
Navy Beans, lb	18c
Lima Beans, lb	18c
Kidney Beans, lb	18c
Loose Sour Kraut,	3 lb. for 25c
Large cans Sour Kraut	18c

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FROM OCEAN TO OCEAN

Women Praise Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for Health Restored.

In almost every neighborhood in America are women who have tried this standard remedy for female ills and know its worth.

Athol, Mass.—"Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done me a world of good. I suffered from a weakness and a great deal of pain every month and nothing brought me any relief until I tried this famous medicine. I am a different woman since I took it and want others who suffer to know about it."—Mrs. ARTHUR LAWSON, 559 Cottage St., Athol, Mass.

San Francisco, Cal.—"I was in a very weak nervous condition, having suffered terribly from a female trouble for over five years. I had taken all kinds of medicine and had many different doctors and they all said I would have to be operated on, but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound cured me entirely and now I am a strong well woman."—Mrs. H. ROSSKAMP, 1447 Devisadero St., San Francisco, Cal.

For special advice in regard to such ailments write Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass. The result of its many years experience is at your service.

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Orrine is prepared in two forms: No. 1, secret treatment, a powder; No. 2, in pill form, the voluntary treatment. Cost only $1.00 a box. Ask for free booklet telling all about Orrine. **Pipers Pharmacy, corner Fifth street and Fallowfield avenue.**

ARMY PAY OF ENLISTED MEN

The pay of enlisted men depends on their grade, rating and length of services. From June 1, 1917, and continuing during the term of the war the pay of enlisted men is as follows:

Men receiving $30; All privates, the Army entering grade.

Men receiving $33; First class privates, men promoted to act in minor non-commissioned officer capacity.

Men receiving $36; Corporals, saddlers, mechanics farriers and wagoners and musicians of the third class.

Men receiving $38; All sergeant grades in the line, which include Infantry, Field Artillery, Coast Artillery and Cavalry, cooks, horseshoers, band corporals and musicians of the second class.

Men receiving $44; Sergeants of the various corps of the Engineers, Ordnance, Signal Corps, Quartermaster Corps and Medical Department, and sergeants and musicians of the first class.

Men receiving $48; Battalion sergeant majors, squadron sergeant majors, sergeant majors (junior grade) sergeant buglers, master gunners and assistant band leaders of the line.

Men receiving $51; Regimental sergeant majors, regimental supply sergeants, sergeant majors (senior grade) quartermaster sergeants of the Quartermaster Corps, ordnance sergeants, first sergeants, electrician sergeants, first sergeants, electrician sergeants of the first class, assistant engineers and battalion supply sergeants of the Engineers.

Men receiving $56; Sergeants, first class of the Medical Department.

Men receiving $71; Hospital sergeants, master engineers of the junior grade and engineers.

Men receiving $81; Quartermaster sergeants of the senior grade of the Quartermaster Corps, band leaders, master signal electricians, master electricians, master engineers of the senior grade and master hospital sergeants.

All enlisted men, while on detachment duty not in the field where there are no Army quarters available, receive in addition to their pay $15 per month to cover the expense of housing and also a suitable allowance for subsistence and for heat and light.

An enlisted man in active service has no necessary personal expenses except for barber and laundry. Uniforms, underclothing, shoes, hats, quarters, medical attendance and subsistence are supplied them at Government expense. Such materials as tobacco, postage, confectionery and incidentals of individual tasts may be purchased at the post exchange at cost.

FATIGUE NEARLY OVERCOMES WOMAN

"Bringing up several children in the right way and cares of home brought me to the verge of nervous prostration," says a well known woman. "Fearing that I might become ill and have to give up housework and the care of my little ones, created a nightmare that was ever before me. I happened to mention my affliction to one of my neighbors and she advised me to procure some Phosphated Iron. A day or two later when I was feeling unusually miserable I sent my daughter to the drug store for a box of the capsules and after ten days' treatment I felt like a different person altogether. I sleep well at night, something I hadn't done in months before; my appetite is good and in fact what formerly seemed like mountains of work in my home is now more like play. An aunt of mine living over East has been taking Phosphated Iron with equally gratifying results."

Phosphated Iron is put up in capsules only. In this locality it can be obtained at W. F. Hennings the druggist and leading druggists everywhere.

As He Understood It.

John was trying to be unusually nice to a man who was visiting John's big sister, Clara. When things became dull inside, John invited the visitor out in the yard. Seeing one of his playmates, little John called him over, exclaiming: "Charlie, come on over and meet my sister's finance."

Life Walled Up.

All life is given us rigidly walled up. The walls are blessings, like the parapet on a mountain road that keeps the traveler from toppling over the face of the cliff.—Alexander Maclaren, D.D.

JUST WHAT INTERESTED BILL

Loss of Cars and Freight Didn't Seem to Amount to Much to Him at the Moment.

"I was riding on a freight train through Kansas," a Santa Fe official relates. "I was up in the cupola of the caboose. Downstairs the conductor and the rear brakeman watched lazily a pan of beans warming on the old coal stove. They could only see the top of the head brakeman before 'putting away' their luncheons, which they were taking from their dinner pails. The pan of beans was a particularly rich one. I could see the head brakeman coming down the train from the engine. Suddenly there was a jerk, a shock, and I saw freight cars begin to pitch from the track and pile up in heaps. I had a hasty vision of the head brakeman sailing through the air and landing in a cornfield, clear of the right of way.

"'Bill's killed,' I shouted as I clutched wildly to retain my seat. 'He's been thrown clear over into the field.'

"As the caboose finally came to a standstill, about the only car left on the track, the conductor and the rear brakeman rushed forward to gather up the remains of 'Bill.' But as they ran to him 'Bill' picked himself up in a dazed sort of way and was brushing the dirt from his eyes and his clothes when they reached him.

"There was at least $75,000 worth of cars and freight piled up there in that wreck, probably $200,000—a total loss. But the question 'Bill' asked as his rescuers reached him was:

"'Boys, how's them beans back there?'"

LIFE OF A DEPOT AGENT

His Duties Are Manifold and He Is Envied by Few, According to This.

The life of a railway agent is one of roses and cinders for the most part. Some folks think that about all he has to do is to sell tickets and keep the extra cent when he makes odd change, but there are other things in the life of a railway agent besides framing your face in a ticket office window and opening a money drawer with a doorbell on it, and smiling when the folks ask him what time the 5:03 train will be here if it's on time.

From early in the morning when he starts the day by looking into the coal bin at the end of the platform to see how much bituminous has been stolen during the night, until sundown, when he starts out to hang drug store signs on the switch posts, he is an extremely busy man, says the Walker (Minn.) Pilot. Between checking over freight receipts and running the hay press for the carbon copies of waybills, it's no wonder he hasn't time to build a fire in the waiting room or rub off last week's train schedule from the blackboard, because he is a busy man.

He listens to complaints with one ear and the telegraph keys with the other, and has been known to answer the phone, sell a steamship ticket and put a bucket of coal in the stove all at the same time, in order to get his work done within the eight-hour schedule.

About the only ones to envy an agent his job are the girls in the town, and that's because he has such a good chance to get acquainted with the brakemen on all the freights.

Long Ride Before Him.

A cyclist who stopped at a village inn boasted about his abilities as a rider to such an extent that the landlord ventured to make a wager with him.

"Look here, mister" said the innkeeper, "you can't ride up and down this road till the church clock strikes six."

"Done," said the cyclist. "It's just close on five now;" and the next minute he was speeding down the road.

After about an hour's riding the cyclist shouted to one of the bystanders, of whom many had assembled:

"I say, has the church clock struck six yet?"

"No, you idiot," was the blunt reply. "Our church clock never strikes at all."—London Tit-Bits.

American Girls Who Marry Young.

The census bureau finds that hundreds of American girls in every twelve months are married at fifteen. Thousands annually are married at sixteen. Out of every 100 women in this country eleven have married before passing nineteen. In New England (according to the census data) only one woman in fifteen gets an acceptable proposal before she is twenty. In the south, the desirable man offers himself to one out of five or one out of six girls of nineteen or under. It is shown by the census that a young woman's chance of offers is decidedly better in a rural community than anywhere else.

Hottest Heat.

The highest temperature ever reached by man is 9,400 degrees Fahrenheit. This was produced by two English experimenters, Sir Andrew Noble and Sir F. Abel, asserts a scientist. This was done by exploding cordite in a durable steel cylinder. This was due to the suddenness of the reaction, and, although of momentary duration, it was an interesting scientific achievement, nevertheless. With the aid of cordite Sir William Crookes was able to make small diamonds. Professor Moissan, who has produced diamonds, can heat his electric furnace to 6,300 degrees.

LOCAL BOWLERS WIN FROM ROSCOE

Charleroi bowlers won a one-sided game from Roscoe at the Phillips alleys, Fallowfield avenue, Thursday evening, Brotholdy of Charleroi, rolling high score of 171. The score was as follows:

Charleroi			
Brown	110	107	94
Harrington	108	129	124
Allshouse	88	124	136
Glesser	86	125	128
Brotholdy	100	171	116
	492	656	628
Roscoe			
Dealy	97	89	—
Werton	96	145	100
Hargston	—	—	84
Gainee	106	123	97
Mathewson	99	101	90
Briggs	102	149	91
	500	607	468

Total scores, Charleroi, 1776; Roscoe, 1575.

LYCEUMS WIN CLOSE GAME FROM METHODISTS

The Methodist Juniors were defeated by the Lyceum Juniors in a fast game at the high school gymnasium Thursday evening by a score of 19 to 1. The teams lined up as follows:

Lyceum		Methodist
Mahoney	F	Owens
Minahan	F	Beazell
Conley	C	Hancock
Schamko	G	Welch
Wagner	G	Hendershot

Field goals—Mahoney 3, Minahan 6, Owens 2, Provins 4. Fouls. Mahoney 1 out of 3; Owens 1 out of 2, Beazell 2 out of 3.

The Methodists won from the Eighth street team by a score of 30 to 2.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY ENTERTAINED WEDNESDAY

The Misionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church was entertained at the home of Mrs. J. F. Laird on McKean avenue Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. C. C. Wright was the leader. Those who took part in the program were Mrs. S. R. Grimm, Mrs. C. C. Stephens, Mrs. T. L. Pollock and Mrs. A. G. Gillaland. A social hour followed the program.

Popular Superstitions.

To be born on the first day of a new moon means that the child will have a happy life and be rich. A child born on the second day will grow rapidly. A short life is predicted for a child born on the third or the sixth day. A child born on the fifth day will be deceitful and proud.

Birth on the seventh day means that a child born will live long, but have many troubles. The ninth day promises that a child born then shall have riches and honors. A child born on the tenth day will live long and be a great traveler.

A birth on the eleventh day means that the child will be healthy and handsome, and if a girl, remarkable for wisdom. A child born on the twelfth day of the moon will be dearly loved, but have a bad temper.

Watch His Laugh.

The leopard cannot change his spots, nor the laugher his laugh. It is as characteristic as his nose or the color of his eyes. No polish or educational veneer can alter the laugh much in quality and tone, although it may soften it. Yet, even then, in an unguarded moment the old laugh rings or cackles, or explodes, and the show is given away.

A man to be avoided, to be passed by on the other side, is the man who laughs without smiling. The man who laughs like a mask or a ventriloquist's puppet. His face wrinkles. He makes a noise. But he is smileless as a rooster when cackling. Take it from me, that man is hard, relentless, cruel, malignant.

The Unspeakable Turk.

This expression came into general use during the Bulgarian agitation of 1876, on its appearance in a published letter of Carlyle's to George Howard, M. P., dated November 24: "The unspeakable Turk should be immediately struck out of the question, and the country left to honest European guidance." It was not the first time, however, that Carlyle had made use of it. In 1831, nearly fifty years before, in "The Westminster Review," No. 29, in an article on the "Nibelungen Lied," he makes mention of "that unspeakable Turk King Machabol."

Strong Negatives.

There is one great advantage about keeping both glass and film negatives in envelopes made of transparent paper—that the negative can be looked at and identified without taking it out of its envelope. More negatives are damaged by being turned over to find some particular one than by the lapse of time, and the transparent envelope protects them from injury from this source. A system of filing and cataloging, by which any negative required can be found with a minimum of disturbance of the others, also tends to prevent damage.

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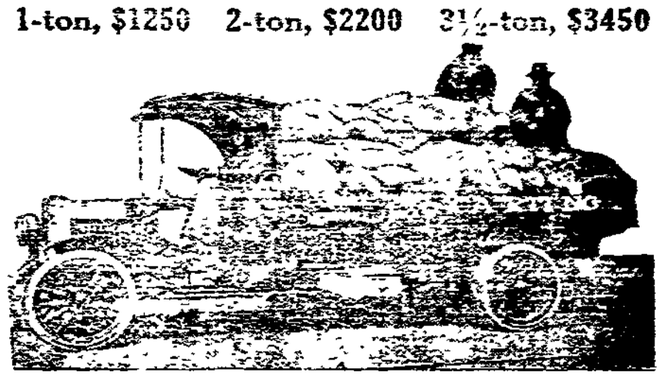

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